

**IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF FLORIDA**

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2012 - 02

IN RE: BENCH/BAR COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order 2003-09, the Second Judicial Circuit Bench/Bar Committee was established to enhance communication, constructive problem solving, respect and courtesy between judges and lawyers in the Second Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS, the initial terms of the members of the Committee have expired and need to be reestablished; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it would be preferable to provide a method for the retirement and addition of new members to the Committee without the need to consistently revise the controlling administrative order; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida in accordance with Rule 2.215, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The work and activities of the initial members of the Committee are hereby confirmed.
2. The Committee shall consist of the Chief Judge, and not less than 15 nor more than 25 members selected and appointed from time to time by the Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit. The Chief Judge shall take care to select members that represent a cross-section of the circuit with due consideration to such matters as geographic location, discipline, reputation, and bar activities.
3. The Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit shall appoint the Chair of the Committee. The Vice-Chair of the Committee shall be elected by the members of the Committee.
4. Meetings may be called by the Chairman, the Chief Judge, or a majority of the membership. Notice of any meeting shall be given to each Committee member in such manner as deemed appropriate by the Chair of the Committee, and e-mail or telephonic notice is specifically approved.



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5. Membership may be terminated in the following manner:
 - (a) Resignation: Any member may resign by submitting a written resignation to the Chief Judge or the Chairman, or by submitting an oral resignation which is duly recorded in the official minutes of the Committee. Such resignation shall become effective on the date submitted.
 - (b) Disbarment: A member who is disbarred from the practice of law in Florida shall automatically cease membership on the Committee.
 - (c) Suspension from Practice: A member suspended from the practice of law in the State of Florida shall be suspended from membership for as long as said period of suspension of practice continues and shall be returned to membership subject to the approval of the Chief Judge upon termination of said suspension.
6. The Chair of the Committee is encouraged to call a meeting of the Committee at least quarterly.
7. The Committee is encouraged to work closely with the Second Judicial Circuit Professionalism Committee to accomplish any educational and program objectives that it may develop.
8. Those persons listed on Exhibit A shall constitute the reconstituted Committee and shall serve at the pleasure of the Chief Judge. The membership of the Committee, as it changes from time to time, shall be posted on the Second Judicial Circuit website.
9. This order shall take effect immediately, and shall replace Administrative Order 2003-09.

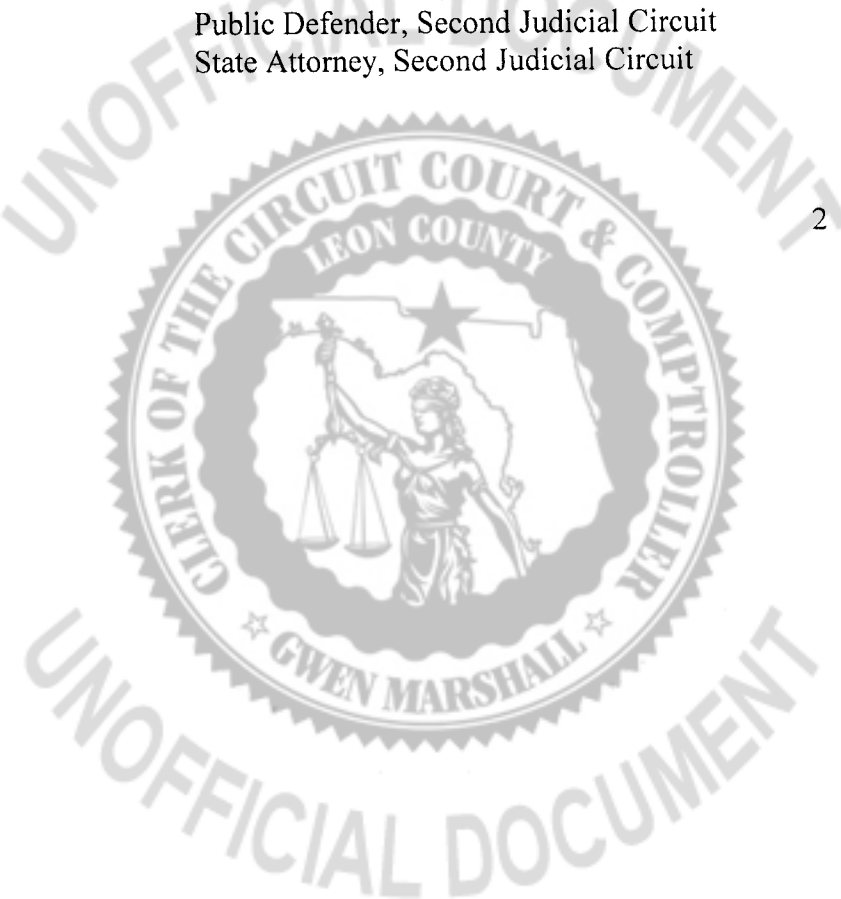
DONE and ORDERED in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, February 28, 2012.

Charles A. Francis

CHARLES A. FRANCIS
 Chief Judge

Copies furnished to:

- All Circuit and County Judges, Second Judicial Circuit
- All Clerks of Court, Second Judicial Circuit
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